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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY RENOUF JAN. 10 (LATE JANUARY 9 WASHINGTON TIME) TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE AND DELIVER (UNDER EMBARGO) TEXTS OF LETTERS TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (REF C) AND OPEC GOVERNMENTS (REF B).

2. RENOUF EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR OUR INFORMING AUSTRALIA OF U.S. INITIATIVE AND PRAISED HIGHLY THE PRESIDENT'S CALLING OF THE CONFERENCE. HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION OUR EMPHASIS UPON US INTENTION TO MINIMIZE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN OIL-CONSUMING AND OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. RENOUF ALSO EXPRESSED APPROVAL THAT U.S. INTENDS TO EXPAND PARTICIPATION AT LATER DATE TO INCLUDE OTHER OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NON-PRODUCING LDC'S.

3. NOTING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD NEED TO LIMIT NUMBER OF INITIAL CONFEREES, RENOUF SAID HE WANTED TO PUT ON RECORD AUSTRALIA'S DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN ENERGY DISCUSSIONS AT EARLIEST PRACTICAL STAGE. HE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF OVERSEAS TRADE TO AUSTRALIA AND PROBLEMS WHICH BUNKER SHORTAGE HAS CREATED HERE.

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4. RENOUF ASKED WHY NORWAY, WITH A SMALLER ECONOMY AND SMALLER

POL IMPORTS THAN AUSTRALIA, HAD BEEN INCLUDED. CHARGE, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SUGGESTED THREE POSSIBLE CONSIDERATIONS: NORWAY'S IMPORTANCE AS WORLD MARITIME POWER, DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING A SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY, AND FACT NORWAY WOULD NOT BE PARTICIPANT THROUGH EEC. THIS APPEARED TO SATISFY RENOUF ALTHOUGH HE MADE HIS POINT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP GOA ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY SENSE OF EXCLUSION OR ISOLATION.  
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